



**Bloomington/Monroe County Metropolitan Planning Organization**  
**Policy Committee**

**Policy Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**November 14, 2008 McCloskey Conference Room 135, City Hall**

*Policy Committee minutes are transcribed in a summarized outline manner. Audio recordings are on file with the City of Bloomington Planning Department.*

***Attendance***

Policy Committee: Jack Baker (MPO CAC), Justin Wykoff (proxy for Susie Johnson, City of Bloomington Public Works Department), Bill Williams (Monroe County Highway Department), Iris Kiesling (Monroe County Commissioner), Matthew Lepke (proxy for Jerry Pittsford, Monroe County Plan Commission), Kent McDaniel (Bloomington Public Transportation Corp.), and Tom Micuda (proxy for Mark Kruzan, City Mayor).

Others: Adrian Reid (Bloomington Engineering), Lew May (Bloomington Transit), Josh Desmond (MPO Staff), and Scott Robinson (MPO Staff).

**I. Call to Order**

Kent McDaniel called the meeting to order.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**A. September 12, 2008** – Bill Williams moved to approve minutes. Justin Wykoff seconded. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**III. Communications from the Chair** – There was no report from the chair.

**IV. Reports from Officers and/or Committees**

**A. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)**

Jack Baker reported more discussion on Complete Streets, some preliminary discussions reevaluating completed projects and potential projects for inclusion in the TIP.

**B. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)**

Adrian Reid reported working with the Planning Department on the Complete Streets Policy. S. Henderson St. is going to bid soon and S. Rogers St. is nearly ready to submit plans to INDOT for review. They had a field check meeting for Henderson and Atwater intersection. Mr. McDaniel asked for an update on the bypass project. Tom Micuda said the current cost of relocating the water line is estimated at \$9.1 million. INDOT does not have that money programmed into the project. Discussion is continuing in an attempt to reduce the cost and decide who pays for that part of the project.

**V. Reports from the MPO Staff**

**A. 1st Quarter Progress Report**

Josh Desmond noted that Andy Ruff was unable to attend the meeting at the last moment and sends his regrets. He reviewed the 2009 MPO meeting schedule. It is very important for as many members as possible attend the Jan. 9, 2009 meeting since that is when the organizational work is done. The TAC meetings will be on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. The CAC will meet at 6:30 pm on the same day of the month. Mr. Desmond pointed out that the quarterly reports include a table that breaks down the expenditures and balances left of money for specific contracts.

### **B. Complete Streets Update**

Mr. Desmond noted that the discussions continue on the Complete Streets Policy. Scott Robinson gave a brief explanation on the intent of the Policy. Mr. Desmond said that the goal was to present a draft policy at the Jan. 9 Policy Committee meeting and possibly seek a vote to adopt the Policy no later than the March meeting.

### **C. Highway Safety Improvement Program Update**

Mr. Desmond said that one application for the use of the funds was received from the City of Bloomington for the Henderson/Atwater intersection improvement project. Mr. Reid said they are planning to add a traffic signal and change the intersection design. The awarding of the funds will be done at the January meeting. A TIP amendment would be processed at the same time. Mr. Desmond said that the total project cost is estimated to be \$730,000 with right-of-way and design. Total construction cost would be \$572,000. The grant would be for 90% of that total. There was discussion about the lane separators and the need to make them more visible.

## **VI. Old Business – There was no old business.**

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Transportation Improvement Program FY 2009-2012 Amendment**

#### **1. 35 Foot Hybrid Buses (Bloomington Transit)**

##### ***Action Requested\****

Mr. Desmond said that this amendment is to allow purchase of 4 35-foot hybrid buses. Lew May noted that the addition of these hybrid buses would bring their fleet up to 6. They have had an extremely good experience with the hybrid buses they now have.

#### **2. Operating and Capital Budgets (Rural Transit)**

##### ***Action Requested\****

Mr. Desmond noted that Jewel Echelbarger had already presented her budget changes to the PC at the last meeting. The MPO Staff, the CAC and the TAC recommend passing these 2 amendments. Tom Micuda moved to approve the 2 amendments. Jack Baker seconded. The amendments were approved by unanimous vote.

### **B. Operational Bylaw Amendments**

##### ***Action Requested\****

Josh Desmond explained that the Policy bylaws require a 2/3 majority of total Policy Committee membership or 9 “yes” votes to approve changes to the bylaws. These amendments will need to be addressed at the January meeting. Iris Kiesling and Mr. Desmond discussed a few changes.

## **VIII. Communications from Committee Members (*non-agenda items*)**

### **A. Topic Suggestions for future agendas**

## **IX. Upcoming Meetings**

**A. Citizens Advisory Committee – November 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. (McCloskey Room)**

**B. Technical Advisory Committee – November 21, 2008 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)**



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- C. MPO Winter Mixer! – December 10, 2008 at 12:00pm (McCloskey Room)**
- D. Policy Committee – January 9, 2009 at 1:30pm (McCloskey Room)**

**Adjournment**

*These minutes were adopted by the Policy Committee at their regular meeting held on. January 9, 2009.*